

## HOPKINTON BUDGET COMMITTEE

### HOPKINTON TOWN HALL

OCTOBER 12, 2011 - DRAFT

Members present: Janet Krzyzaniak, Chair; David Luneau, School Board Representative; Karen Irwin, Tim Carney, Tom O'Donnell, HVP Representative; David Lancaster, Tom Congoran, Selectmen Representative

Absent: Michael Montore, John Greabe and Mark Hemmerlein, CVP Representative

Janet Krzyzaniak opened the meeting at 5:37 p.m. The meeting began with the review of the September 14 meeting minutes. After short discussion of corrections to the minutes, David Lancaster made a motion to approve the minutes. Karen Irwin second the motion. All were in favor. Denise will retype the minutes with corrections and resubmit.

1. Optional Fiscal Year: Janet Krzyzaniak requested that the discussion for the Optional Fiscal Year be tabled until the Selectmen have a chance to discuss with the newly hired Finance Director, Deborah Gallant. David Lancaster made a motion to table the Optional Fiscal Year discussion until the next Budget Committee meeting. Tim Carney second the motion. All agreed.

#### 2. Monthly Reports:

Hopkinton Village Precinct: Tom O'Donnell

Balance 1-1-2011	\$7,168.00
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Income to 10-1-2011	\$17,522.00
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Expenses to 10-1-2011	-\$9,950.00
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Balance as of 10-1-2011	\$14,741.00
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As given to Tom O'Donnell by Suzi Calley

Hopkinton School District: David Luneau

June 30 financials showed that approximately \$303,264.00 will be returned to the town. This amount will help to reduce the tax rate by approximately \$.48. The school district will know more after the financial audit is complete. The Food Service for the school district showed a deficit of \$66,801.00 on June 30, 2011, end of the fiscal school year. Compared to June 30, 2010 of \$66,525.00, but this included the \$16,000.00 cost of the POS system (student debit card), so a more accurate comparison to June 30, 2010 would be about \$50,000.00. The food service deficit grew because of a decrease in sales (lower enrollment) and an increase in expenses. The School Board is closely reviewing the financials of the Food Service and looking into options. David Luneau referred to a letter to the editor in the Concord Monitor written by a Dunbarton School Board member. Dunbarton's area agreement with Goffstown is concluding in June of 2014. They are currently looking into options with neighboring school districts. Hopkinton's School Board and Dunbarton's School Board will meet together in a public meeting within the next few weeks to look at the possibilities of joining together.

#### Selectmen Report: Tom Congoran

Tom reported that the town budget activity should meet its fiscal responsibilities by the end of the fiscal year. The selectmen have been meeting with department heads concerning their next year budgets. The town is clearly focused on giving town employees pay raises. Driving the increase in the budget will be the price of fuel oil over last year and the increase in health insurance costs. The emergency generator has been installed at the High School. It is not in operation as of yet. There still is testing to be done.

#### Contoocook Village Precinct: Janet Krzyzaniak

The Contoocook Village Precinct has not had a representative attend the Budget Committee meetings in some time. Nor have they produced a monthly report. David Lancaster made a motion that the Budget Committee gives the authority to Janet Krzyzaniak, Chair, to send a letter to the Contoocook Village Precinct asking them to appoint a representative and to attend the next Budget Committee meeting with up to date financial reports. Tom

O'Donnell second the motion. David Luneau recommended starting with a phone call first to Mark Hemmerlein, previous representative of the Contoocook Village Precinct. If this phone call does not resolve the issue then a letter should be sent. David Lancaster withdrew his motion and Karen Irwin second it. David Luneau made a motion to have Janet Krzyzaniak, Chair of the Budget Committee, take the appropriate actions to compel a member of the Contoocook Valley Precinct to attend the next Budget Committee meeting with up to date financial reports. Karen Irwin second the motion. Janet Krzyzaniak called for a vote: 5 members were in the affirmative and 1 abstained. The motion passed.

3. Concerns or questions from the audience:

Dennis Goddard was in the audience this evening. He a new selectman for the town and is learning the process. No concerns.

4. Other matters:

Tim Carney noted that the members of the Budget Committee have not been updated on the Town's website. Janet will speak to Robin Buchanan about this issue. No other matters at this time.

David Lancaster made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen second the motion. All were in favor. Budget Committee meeting ended at 6:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on November 16, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Damour